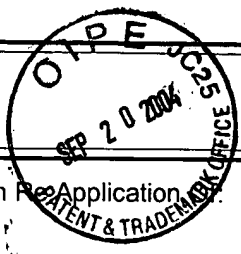


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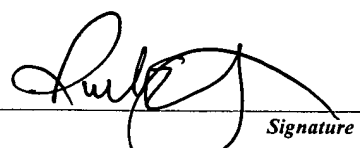
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 08/24/2004, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I claims 1-10, 12, 17-19 and 28-29 for further examination. Group I claims are drawn to a method for increasing clavulanic acid in a host or host cell by increasing the level of N²-(2-carboxyethyl) arginine synthase by gene dosing.

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